

As the blessings which we enjoy are great; proportionately great should be our vigilance, zeal and activity to preserve them. Foreign wars may again expose us to new wrongs, which would impose on us new duties for which we ought to be prepared.—JAMES MONROE.

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BRITISH TRANSPORT SUNK: 413 DIE

English Coast Is Again Raided by Zeppelins

RAIN BOMBS AND ESCAPE DURING NIGHT

Successful Attack by German Airships Made—Dodge Enemy.

London, May 24, (12:05 a. m.)—Four or five German airships raided the eastern coast of England last night, according to an official statement issued this morning. The airships dropped bombs and escaped although pursued.

The Zeppelin raid began shortly before midnight and seems like other raids since the British defensive measures were perfected, to have been a rather abortive effort. Airships penetrated inland above thick rain clouds, which outflanked the raiders and the British defensive forces alike. The Zeppelins had little success in locating their positions and the bombs they dropped fell in country districts, the reports indicating that the damage was negligible, while the only casualties were one man killed in a Norfolk village. The Zeppelins got away from the pursuing airplanes during the thick weather.

Last Raid March 17.

The last previous visit of the Zeppelins to England was on March 17 when four bombs were reported dropped in rural districts. The Zeppelin L-22 was apparently approaching the English coast on May 13 when it was attacked by British air forces and destroyed.

TRAWLER GIVES SUB HARD FIGHT

Fishing Smack Stages Clash With U-boat in Bay of Biscay—Cabin Boy Killed in Fray.

Town, May 24.—Details of a battle between the trawler *Thia* and a German submarine, in which the submarine was driven off, have just been made public. The fight took place in the bay of Biscay on April 22.

The sea was rough and the wind was blowing hard when the *Thia* sighted the submarine. The fishing boat had her head down and was unable to get up as fast as her skipper, without a moment's hesitation, cut away his trawl and joined battle spiritedly. The collision of the crew and the skill of the cabin boy, who took the helm while his mates stood at the guns, decided the fight. In five minutes the submarine had had enough and submerged.

LES DARCY DIES FROM PNEUMONIA

Memphis, Tenn., May 24.—Les Darcy, the celebrated pugilist, died at a hospital here this afternoon from pneumonia. He has been ill more than a month.

Latest Bulletins

Algiers, May 24.—Former Queen Ranaivosoa of Madagascar is dead at her home here. Queen Ranaivosoa has been living in exile in Algiers since 1896, when she was deposed by the French following anti-Christian outbreaks in Madagascar.

Washington, May 24.—Major General Pershing, who is to command the first American expeditionary force to France, will confer with President Wilson late today.

Ardmore, Okla., May 24.—As the result of an attempt by three bandits to rob the First National bank at Muskogee, Okla., today, one of the robbers was shot to death in the bank by the cashier and the other bandits are dying from wounds.

Cheyenne, Wyo., May 24.—Thirty-five indictments in the so-called "high grading" conspiracy case were returned by the federal grand jury here this afternoon. The men involved, the government alleges, made a fortune by selling stolen ore to United States mints throughout the country. The amount involved is said to have exceeded a million dollars.

America Takes Steps to Thwart Stockholm Meet

Washington, May 24.—Americans may not participate in the international Socialist peace conference at Stockholm with the consent of the United States government. This was made clear today by the state department's announcement that it would not issue passports to persons expecting to be delegates and warning Americans against being parties to the discussion under penalty of three years' imprisonment and \$5,000 fine. Officials regard the peace conference as part of German propaganda and do not wish American citizens as individuals to do anything to misrepresent the government.

The American Socialist party has chosen Victor L. Berger of Milwaukee, and Morris Hillquit and Algeon Lee of New York, as delegates. After the state department issued its warning word came from Stockholm that James Eds. How of St. Louis, known as the "millionaire hobo" had renounced his participation in the conference. It was indicated today that failure would meet any effort to secure a modification of the department's ruling. Officials made this plain when they heard Morris Hillquit was coming to protest to Secretary Lansing.

Secretary Lansing made it clear that if J. Eds. How, the "millionaire hobo," reported last night to have arrived in Stockholm, took part in such a conference he would come under the terms of the Logan act.

WARSHIPS OF JAPAN BEGIN PATROLWORK

Naval Craft of Island Empire Scouring Mediterranean Is Announced.

London, May 24, (12:50 p. m.)—The arrival of "a considerable number of light Japanese naval craft in the Mediterranean to co-operate with the naval forces of the allies" was announced in the house of commons today by Lord Robert Cecil, minister of blockade.

A Paris dispatch last Friday said a number of Japanese gunboats had arrived at Marseilles to assist in the operations against German submarines and to scour the French merchant men. If the experiment has satisfactory results, it is to be extended.

SOCIALISTS TELL PEACE DEMANDS

Stockholm, May 24.—The restoration of Belgium, Serbia, Montenegro and Rumania was demanded by the Bulgarian Socialist delegates in a conference with the Dutch and Scandinavian committees. They also declared themselves in favor of a national republic of Bulgarians as a step to give permanent tranquility to the Balkans. The Bulgarian delegates further declared that the right to settle their own affairs should be extended to all peoples such as the Armenians and Poles. They expressed the hope that the problem of Alsace-Lorraine be settled on these lines. The convocation of a general Socialist conference was also advocated.

VET GRAIN BROKER TRIES TO KILL SELF

Peoria, Ill., May 24.—Thomas J. Pursey, former president of the Peoria Board of Trade and one of the oldest grain brokers in central Illinois, shot himself in the head this morning at 8 o'clock in his office at the Peoria Board of Trade building. He was rushed to a hospital where his death is expected momentarily.

RUSS HURRY PLANS FOR NATION'S MEET

Petrograd, May 24.—The new Russian coalition government today ordered a series of measures for hastening the summoning of the Russian constituent assembly. The first meeting of a committee appointed to discuss arrangements for the election of this body has been fixed for June 7.

LISBON RIOTS END.

Paris, May 24.—A Havas dispatch from Lisbon says that the agitation there on account of the high price of provisions as a result of which a number of persons were killed and much damage to property was done, has subsided.

ITALY TAKES 9,000 MEN IN GIANT SMASH

Second Phase Italian Drive Nets Big Victory—Breaks the Austrian Line.

Rome, May 24, (via London).—Italian forces yesterday broke through the Austro-Hungarian lines from Castagnavizza to the sea, taking more than 9,000 prisoners, says the official statement issued yesterday by the Italian war department.

The Italian war office announced that Italian forces had occupied part of the area south of the Castagnavizza-Bosconale road, had pushed Bosconale and had captured the town of Jamiano and strong forts east of Pietrarsa and Bagnoli.

The Italian official said the Austro-Hungarians at first were surprised and disorganized. Towards evening they launched counter attacks but were repulsed.

Italian airplanes numbering 120 dropped 19 tons of bombs on the Austro-Hungarians.

The British batteries co-operated with the Italians.

Second Stage of Drive.

London, May 24, (12:35 p. m.)—The Italian offensive has entered into its second stage with new and important gains between Gorizia and the sea, said Major General F. B. Maurice, in the Associated Press today. The first day of the new drive has resulted in the capture of more than three thousand prisoners.

General Maurice said all the objectives of the Italians had been gained and that details of the operations would be given in the official communication to be issued at Rome later in the day.

"We secured a few prisoners during the night as the result of patrol encounters east of the *Verzuzza*," says today's war office report on operations along the Franco-Belgian front. "Nothing else interesting occurred."

8,000 Germans Taken.

Paris, May 24, (Noon).—German counter attacks in the region of the *Vandier* plateau were repulsed last night with heavy losses, according to an official statement issued by the war office this morning. Since May 1 the French have taken 8,900 prisoners in this district.

DAYLIGHT SAVING PLAN IS ADOPTED

Springfield, Ill., May 24.—The house today adopted Representative Hoel's "daylight saving" resolution urging congress to pass laws to make mandatory the turning ahead one hour of all clocks.

With the pressure of the legislative adjournment only a few weeks off, the house determined today to recess for but one day over Memorial day.

EMPIRE DAY FOR BRITAIN MARKS RATIONING TRYOUT

People Voluntarily Agree to Reduce Living on Appeal of King.

London, May 24.—This is empire day and Great Britain is observing the holiday as a national food pledge day. Everybody is expected to sign a pledge in response to the king's proclamation appealing for economy and frugality. Already 2,000,000 people have signed and on today's result practically hangs the decision between voluntary and compulsory rationing.

The lord mayor of London, accompanied by the sheriff, appeared in their official robes on the steps of the royal exchange early in the day and invited all hearers to proceed to the Mansion house and take the food pledge. A similar meeting was held at the Guild hall and thousands of

Brazil to Accept State of War and Aid This Country

Rio Janeiro, May 24.—Foreign Minister Nilo Pecanha declared in the council of ministers, according to the newspapers, that it was not necessary for Brazil to declare war on Germany because she had been virtually forced into a state of war by circumstances. He said that the torpedoing of the Brazilian steamer *Tijoca* did not essentially modify the situation created by the destruction of the *Parana*.

Senor Pecanha said that, in regard to co-operation between Brazil and the United States, the government should devote its entire attention to military and naval organization, especially with respect to collaborating with the United States in the policing of the north Atlantic, and should prepare for any emergency. After the meeting of the council Senor Pecanha was asked as to the possibility of Brazil declaring war on Germany. The minister replied:

"Brazil declares war on nobody. She defends herself. It is Germany which declares war on all neutrals." Senor Pecanha will send to the chamber of deputies and the senate today the result of the inquiry into the sinking of the *Tijoca*. He will also furnish details of the diplomatic exchanges regarding the international situation.

BIG WAR TAX BILL PASSED BY HOUSE

Goes Through by 329 to 76 Vote—Another Month Needed for Measure to Be Completed.

Washington, May 24.—Another month probably will be required for congress to complete the war tax bill, although the house passed it last night. It was indicated today that the senate will make so many changes in the measure as to result almost in a re-drafting, particularly of sections relating to taxes on excess profits, incomes and manufactures and the increased second class postal rates.

As passed by the house, 329 to 76, after two weeks' debate the bill as originally drawn to raise \$1,800,000,000 was changed essentially only in these four ways:

Sur-taxes on incomes above \$40,000 were raised about 25 per cent, slight reductions were made in the proposed second class mail rates; provisions for a 5 per cent tax on all advertising, except newspaper and periodical, was eliminated; and print paper and pulp, gold, silver and a few other articles were exempted from the proposed tariff of 10 per cent on goods now admitted free.

SOUTH CHURCH WILL SEND A COMMITTEE

Birmingham, Ala., May 24.—The general assembly of the Presbyterian church in the United States (south-east presbytery) decided today by a vote of 142 to 40 in favor of appointing a committee to confer with a like committee from the northern branch of the church on the question of union.

Dallas, Texas, May 24.—The general assembly of the Presbyterian church in the United States of America (north) today voted unanimously to hold the 1918 assembly at Columbus, Ohio.

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Continuous Rush of Subscriptions Expected to Top Total Sought.

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INDIANA FILLS QUOTA. Washington, May 24.—Indiana today joined the states which have filled their quotas in recruiting for the regular army. With a quota of 5,490, Indiana yesterday had supplied 5,458 men, making the state the fourth to complete her part of the work and the first large quota to be filled. The other three are Nevada, Oregon and Utah.

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BLAMES HOLLWEG FOR RUSS STAND

Berlin Newspaper Says Slavs' Determination to Continue War Fault German Chancellor.

Amsterdam, May 24, (via London, 11 a. m.)—The Socialist newspaper *Vorwaerts* of Berlin says that the recent statements of Premier Lloft and Foreign Minister Tereschenko of Russia, expressing determination to continue the war with the country's allies, are a great disappointment to those in Germany who expected a separate peace quickly with revolutionary Russia. The *Vorwaerts* says Germany's policy is not dictated by the pan-Germans, and that the statements of the Russian ministers would never have been made had Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg replied fully and satisfactorily to the interpellations of the Social-Democrats regarding war aims, and said that the desires of Austria and Russia were also those of the German government.

BANK CLOSED IN BAD CONDITION

Examiner Finds Poor Management of Institution's Affairs—Working People Depositors.

Chicago, May 24.—Investigation of the books of the Auburn state bank, whose doors were closed yesterday by Bank Examiner Harry T. Ellis, it was reported today, has disclosed bad management. Mr. Ellis reported to State Auditor Russell that the bank, of which Thomas F. McFarland is president, had approximately \$700,000 in deposits. Mr. Ellis found but a small proportion of this was represented by negotiable securities, according to his report to Mr. Russell. Working people were the principal depositors. State's Attorney Hoyne today applied for warrants, charging forgery and receiving deposits after they knew the bank to be insolvent, against Thomas F. McFarland, president, and Mark P. Bransfield, vice president and cashier.

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Army Engineers Conferring with England's Chiefs

London, May 24, (1:35 p. m.)—The engineers from the American army who have arrived in England made a call early today on Ambassador Page and later separated for a serious conference with war office officials in regard to their various specialties. They were entertained at luncheon by the Earl of Derby, secretary for war. American khaki was very much in evidence in London today. A number of additional officers and hospital units have arrived and nurses, especially of the Cleveland and Harvard units, in their blue uniforms with white arm bands labeled with the insignia of the American Red Cross, already have become a familiar sight to the London public. More than a thousand persons belonging to the American army are now in Great Britain.

VIVIANI AND JOFFRE LAUD YANK SPIRIT

Tell French of Welcome Accorded Them in America on Arrival Home.

Paris, May 23, (8:45 p. m.)—Enormous crowds, cheering tumultuously, welcomed the French mission to the United States on its arrival here from America. Premier Ribot, minister of the interior, Malvy and other members of the cabinet were at the station to welcome the envoys. "Why, this is like New York," said Marshal Joffre as the automobiles which conveyed the members of the mission from the station were halted on account of the density of the cheering crowds. The police lines were broken through by the throngs of spectators, who surrounded the automobiles waving flags and handkerchiefs.

Premier Ribot congratulated the members of the mission upon the results of their trip to America as did the other cabinet members. After the French envoys were over M. Viviani, discussing his departure from Washington said:

"I told President Wilson how deeply touched I was by the manifestations of the sympathy of the American people. The president replied simply: 'Welcome to you in the same cause.' All the members of the mission have returned to France satisfied with the results of their trip. They were delighted with the courtesy of the president, the warmth of the public reception and the good will toward France shown wherever they went. They brought away with them the conviction that America would play a part in the war commensurate with her greatness. President Wilson, in saying goodbye, gave M. Viviani a cordial letter to President Poincare of considerable length, covering three pages written in the president's rather close hand."

SINN FEINERS NOT TO ATTEND MEET

Irish Party Declines to Participate in Conference to Settle Home Rule Question.

Dublin, May 24.—The Sinn Fein conference today unanimously resolved to decline to participate in any conference "called by the English government ostensibly to settle the Irish question," until the following conditions were fulfilled:

Second, that the English government publicly pledge itself to the United States and the powers of Europe to ratify the decision of a majority of the conference.

Third, that the convention consist of persons freely elected by the adult suffrage of Ireland.

Fourth, that prisoner-of-war treatment be accorded the Irish prisoners arrested during the recent revolution.

GERMANS STAGE BATTLE AT SEA?

London, May 24.—Considerable German naval activity in the Baltic on Tuesday is reported in a Central News dispatch from Copenhagen. Yesterday a violent cannonade lasting throughout the night was heard by persons living along the shore. Howes on southern Danish islands shook from the concussion.

HUGE VESSEL LOADED WITH TROOPS LOST

London Announces Sinking of Transylvania—45 on French Ship Drown.

London, May 24.—The British transport *Transylvania* was torpedoed on May 4, with the loss of 413 persons.

The *Transylvania* was torpedoed in the Mediterranean. The following official statement was given out today:

"The British transport *Transylvania*, with troops aboard, was torpedoed in the Mediterranean on May 4 resulting in the following losses: Twenty-nine officers and 373 of other ranks; also the ship's captain, Lieutenant S. Bernal and one officer and nine men of the crew."

The *Transylvania*, an Anchor line steamship of 14,315 tons gross, has been in the service of the British government since May, 1915, when her sailings were cancelled. There have been no recent reports of her movements. When she was first taken over by the British government, she was engaged in transporting troops to Galipoli.

The *Transylvania* was built in 1914. She was constructed especially for passenger traffic between New York and Mediterranean ports. She was 248 feet long and had accommodations for 2,450 passengers.

Sunk in Mediterranean.

New York, May 24.—The Anchor line steamship *Transylvania* was sunk in the Mediterranean off the French-Italian coast, it was learned here today. The survivors—how many it is not known here—were taken into Savona, Italy, by rescuers. There they remained until May 12, cared for by the populace and administered to by the authorities.

When they left Savona on another vessel for an unnamed destination a throng of thousands of persons assembled at the shore and cheered their departure.

Captain Bruell, who lives in Scotland, commanded the *Transylvania* when she went down. He is one of the oldest captains in the Anchor line service.

45 Lost on French Ship.

Paris, May 24.—It is officially announced that the French liner *Sontay*, bound for Marseilles from Saloniki with 344 passengers, was torpedoed on April 16 with a loss of 45 lives. The steamer sank rapidly in a heavy sea, but the prompt manner in which the small boats were launched saved the majority of those on board. Captain Mages went down with the ship.

The *Sontay* was a vessel of 7,247 tons and was built in 1903. She was owned in Marseilles.

No Italian Ships Lost.

Rome, (via Paris), May 24.—No Italian steamers were sunk by submarines during the week ending May 24. One was attacked by gun fire and sustained some damage. Only two sailing ships, both under 300 tons, were lost during the same period.

During the week ending May 17 two Italian steamers under 1,900 tons each and seven small sailing craft were sunk. Some fishing boats also were lost.

DISCOUNT EXPORT CONTROL. Washington, May 24.—Control of food exports to the European neutral countries was discussed at a conference today between Herbert C. Hoover and Secretary Redfield.

The War Today

Striking down the coast toward Trieste, the Italians opened the second phase of their offensive with a sweeping victory. They broke through the entire Austrian line from Castagnavizza to the Adriatic, a front of about five miles, and took more than nine thousand prisoners.

The Zeppelin and the submarine figure most prominently in the war news of the day with a raid by airships on the English east coast it is announced and the sinking of the 14,000 ton British transport *Transylvania* officially reported. The submarine did its deadliest work in many weeks in the torpedoing of the *Transylvania* in the Mediterranean on May 4, 413 lives being lost. With the exception of less than a dozen of the ship's complement all those lost were army men and officers, 29 of the latter perishing. The *Transylvania* was a former Anchor line with accommodations for 2,450 passengers.

Military operations in France are in one of their periodical states of comparative quiet. The Paris war office announces that so far in May 5,000 unrounded Germans have been captured in the field of the French offensive between Soissons and Auberive.